GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RESETTLEMENT OF JHUGGI DWELLERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Railway has completed its operation for creating security zone on Kurla-Mankhurd-Harbour line in Mumbai;

(b) whether it is true that unauthorised slums have been touching the Railway line causing many accidents and slow-down of the Railway speed; (

(c) if so, whether the resettlement of these slums is likely to be taken up;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it would improve the efficiency and regularity of Harbour line;

(f) the manner in which the programme is likely to be financed;

(g) whether Central Railway has planned similar line of operation in other part of Mumbai; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d) and (f) to (h): Encroachments falling in the safety zone in Harbour line in Mumbai some of which were very close to the track have been planned for removal by February 2001 as per the action plan made by the Govt. of Maharashtra.Resettlement of the hutment dwellers so removed is being co-ordinated by a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) established by the Govt. of Maharashtra.

In Kurla-Mankhurd section on Harbour line, about 3170 pre 1.1.95 hutmentsdwellers falling in safety zone have been resettled in tenements and transit accommodation provided by the Government of Maharashtra. Similar operationshave been planned on the balance section of Harbour line and main line on Central Railway.

Railways have, as a special case, agreed to share equally the cost of the works falling in Rail component of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) withthe State Govt. of Maharashtra. This would also include the cost of rehabilitation ofProject affected persons, including the unauthorised occupants living within the safety zones.

(e): Yes, Sir.